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Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration

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Draft Feasibility Report/ Environmental Impact Statement

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Comments: I do believe that by breaching the dams ^{it} would be an effective alternative to not only encourage the salmon to continue using their ancestral migrating routes from the rivers to the oceans but it would also lower the expenses that are pathetically trying to keep the salmon alive. The upkeep of the fish hatcheries, the transporting of the fish, and also the dams themselves (ladders) have very little positive effects in helping to recover specifically the salmon fish. Twelve different species of salmon are dangerously on the brink of extinction. This is unacceptable. I ask you, how did we let this situation get to this level? Before we decide we now need to do something to save our precious salmon. This is totally ludicrous and ridiculous in my opinion. I am not trying to point fingers or discriminate against others, but am simply speaking the facts when I say that non-Indian peoples (particularly the white race) is who largely put our natural resources in danger. For example, trees, bears, wolves, ~~for~~ many other wildlife, and now it's the fish. It is an obvious fact that the non-Indians grossly out-number the Native people. I also ask you, who built the dams in the first place? I can tell you it wasn't the tribe. Who put corporations who pollute our water

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and air? What gets me is that they seem to think that what they are doing has no effect on wildlife or natural resources. This makes absolutely no sense to me what so ever. It is a scientific fact that for every cause there is most definitely an effect! It is my opinion that the people who think this refuse to consider what is at stake (wildlife and natural resources) and are only thinking of themselves no matter how much they say they are for saving the salmon. What I am for saving is the WLD salmon. If we turn to the alternative where we harvest the salmon, it would defeat the purpose of even saving them. The wild salmon have been migrating and using their ancestral water routes is what they need to survive. Breaching the dams would give them their home back. You've already taken our home many years ago... I ask you to give the salmon their home back.

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